



*In Loving Memory of*

*Annie Pearl (Menden) Rutledge*

*Sunrise: September 7, 1933 - October 17,  
2017*

*Thursday, October 26, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.*

*ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
22-24 Aspen Street • Passaic, New Jersey 07055  
Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell, Officiating*

## Obituary



**Annie Pearl (Teasley) Ridgell** born September 7th 1933 to Mattie McCormick and Alvin Teasley in Abbeville, GA. As a very young child, her and her parents moved to New York then Passaic, NJ where she attended public schools. She was employed as a seamstress in a doll factory.

She married Lorenzo Coleman Sr. In that union three children were born, Lorenzo Coleman Jr., Valerie Coleman, and Michele Coleman.

In 1969 she was united in marriage to Cecil Ridgell in this union there was no children.

Annie Pearl was a former member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church Passaic and presently a Deaconess and President of the Women's Auxiliary and the Kitchen Club at St. Paul's Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Mattie Teasley, her granddaughter, Asiannia Coleman and grandson, Kenya Coleman.

She leaves to cherish and carry on her beautiful memory: her husband, Cecil Ridgell; great grandson, Devin Keys; children, Lorenzo Coleman, Valerie Jones (Calvin), and Michele Taylor; grandchildren, Decima Jones (James), Africa Johnson (Tommie), Nigeria Bell, Anaya Shelton (Joseph), Lashawanda Collins (Derrick), Latasha VanNote, Akira Coleman, Calvin Jones Jr., Kierriea Taylor, Shataya Taylor, Myecha Taylor, Mark Taylor, Lanikita Juhree, Rudy Twomoon and Kanika Hernandez; great grandchildren, Quientequa Coleman, D'ante Coleman, Tomia Johnson, Jaynel Jones, Jayzon Jones, Kajah Shelton, Alina Shelton, Alexis Coleman, Shakira Brown, Tyese Hernandez, Shanece Brown, Shakeem Brown, Tevin Frasier, Jaden Martinez, Jordyn Martinez, Liam Twomoon, AddyRiver Twomoon, and Kai Twomoon; and great great grandson, Adonijah Coleman. She also leaves adopted loved ones, Olivia, Vicky and Willie, nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and neighbors.

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness*

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scriptures

Old Testament. Deaconess Betty Alexander

New Testament. Deaconess Dorothy Carter

Prayer of Comfort. Deaconess Doris Pickney

Selection/Solo

Acknowledgements on behalf of Deaconess. Deaconess Beverly Lee

Reflections of Life

Solo

Eulogy. Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell, Pastor

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church • Passaic, New Jersey

## Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey



- *The pearl is an amazing gem that is formed from a miraculous rare event. whereby a simple irritant gets in between the oysters soft tissue and hard shell whereby the oyster forms a protectant called nacre or mother of pearl which is made from the same substance as the inside of the shell. This process takes several years to produce a rare pearl.*
- *A pearl of value is found in less than 1 in 10,000 wild oyster pearls they come in many colors and they are not usually perfectly round. Let's take a south pearl oyster they produce the absolute best pearls. They can grow up to a foot and live up to 40 years and the pearls it creates is the largest most luxurious pearls. In recent years one of these pearls sold for over 1.5 Million dollars.*
- *One fact about our mother, grand, great grand and great great grandmother is that she strongly disliked to be called Annie Pearl not realizing that her name was everything that represented her. Annie meaning gracious full of grace. Pearl meaning a precious thing; the finest example of something, a rare priceless gem. Her parents knew it the moment they layed eyes on her.*
- *Our mother, grand, great grand and great great grandmother represented her name throughout her whole life. She was gracious and graceful and a priceless rare gem and she new it. She was imperfect beauty just like a priceless rare pearl. From the way she walked or how she talked to the way she dressed or even wore her hair. Everything in her name was what she was. Down to her offspring and their offspring beautiful rare gems. There is greatness, elegance, beauty and power in that name in the woman she was, in the offspring that has come forth*

*Acknowledgements*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation every thought and act of kindness extended towards them during this time. May God bless you all.*

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